Student Registration and Getting Ready for Interim Testing

August 20, 2019

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Objectives

Today's session will cover the following topics:

- Overview and Key Resources
- Registration:
  - Changes for 2019–2020
  - New registration template
  - User interface versus upload
  - Resolving conflicts and errors
  - Attempts within an opportunity
- Registration Demonstration
- Training
- Questions

Interim Overview & Key Resources

Interim Assessment Overview

The interim assessment IS:	The interim assessment is NOT:
• a way to monitor academic improvement, especially for students who are performing below grade level	• an item bank intended for building classroom quizzes or assignments
• a tool to inform interventions for students or groups of students based on predictions of STAAR performance	• a source of test questions for tutoring or small-group instruction
• a benchmarking instrument at the campus or district level	• a formative assessment tool designed to provide standards-level performance data

Interim Assessment Overview

- Offered through the STAAR Online Testing Platform, software that is available for districts and open-enrollment charter schools.
  - Prior versions of the secure browser for Windows, Mac OS, and Linux must be uninstalled before installing the latest updated version.
- Results are reported in the STAAR Assessment Management System's Online Reporting Suite (ORS), which has been designed to provide interim data in an easy-to-use format.
- Texas Education Agency (TEA) permission or confirmation is not required.

Interim Assessment Overview

Testing and Grade Level Terms

Term	Description
Grade Level	Enrolled grade of the student
Testing Level	Test content of the grade (for both the skill or concept being tested and the content of the testing items)
On-grade Testing	Testing where enrolled grade level and testing level are the same
Off-grade Testing	Testing at any grade level above or below enrolled grade level
Above-Grade Testing	Testing at a least one grade above enrolled grade level
Multi-Section Testing (MST)	All student tests begin with the same set of items, then proceed to one of three possible sections or stages. The second section includes items that are easier, of a similar difficulty, or harder depending on the results of the first section
Linear Testing	Traditional testing where all students take the same test with the same items.

Interim Assessment Overview

Opportunity Windows for 2019-2020

Interim Administration	Registration Begins	Administration Start Date	Administration End Date
First testing window (Opportunity 1)	August 12, 2019	August 15, 2019	March 31, 2020
Second testing window (Opportunity 2)	November 15, 2019	November 22, 2019	March 31, 2020

Interim Assessment Overview

- For some subjects, two different assessment administration opportunities are available, and districts can choose when to schedule either or both of these administrations.
- Subjects with **two** opportunities - available during Opportunity 1 and Opportunity 2
    - grades 3–8 mathematics
    - Spanish grades 3–5 mathematics
    - Algebra I
    - English I
    - English II

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- Subjects with **one** opportunity - available during Opportunity 2 only
    - grades 3–8 reading (includes Braille)
    - Spanish grades 3–5 reading
    - grade 5 and grade 8 science
    - Spanish grade 5 science
    - grade 8 social studies (includes Braille)
    - Biology
    - U.S. History (includes Braille)

- **Note:** There is no American Sign Language (ASL) for interim assessments.

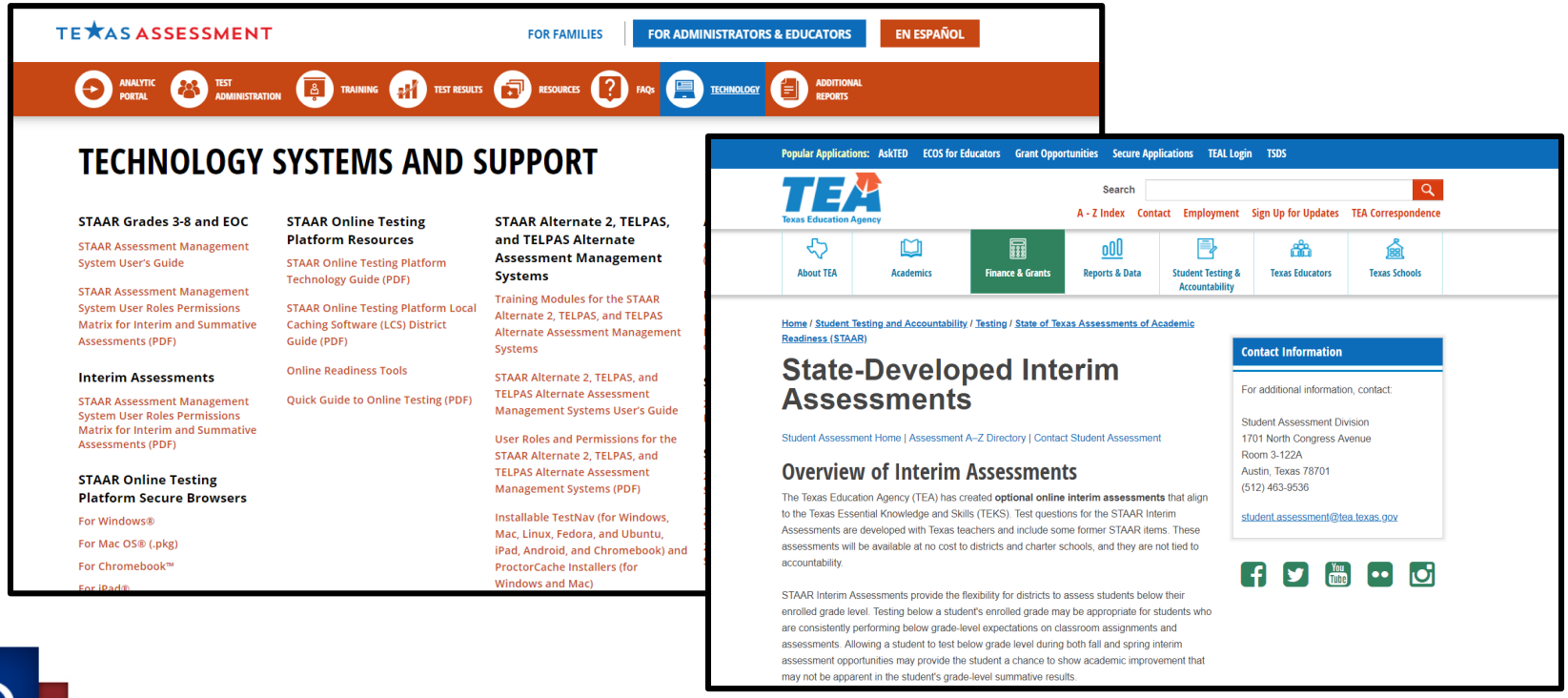
Interim Assessment Overview

Embedded Supports Offered

- B = Refreshable Braille (English only, cannot be combined with any other PNP)
  - Available for STAAR 3–8 for reading and social studies
  - Available for STAAR EOC for English I, English II, and U.S. History
- M = Basic Calculator (mathematics and science in grades 3–7)
- R = Content and Language Supports (English, Spanish 3–5)
- T = Text-to-Speech (English, Spanish 3–5)
  - Includes click word

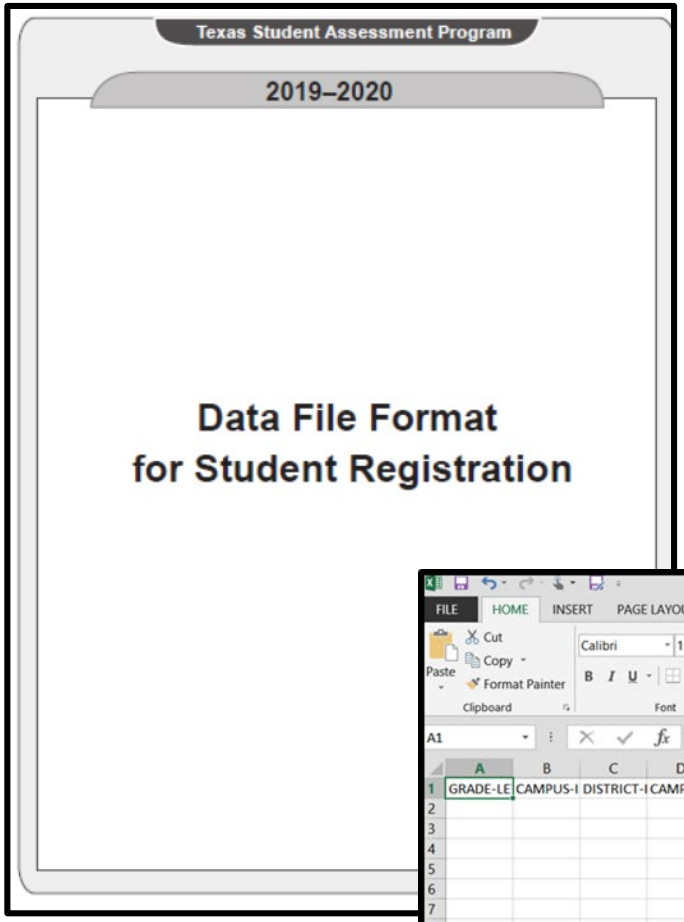
Interim Assessment Key Resources

- Websites
  - http://TexasAssessment.gov/administrators/technology/.
  - https://tea.texas.gov/student.assessment/IA/



Registration

Interim Assessment Changes for 2019–2020

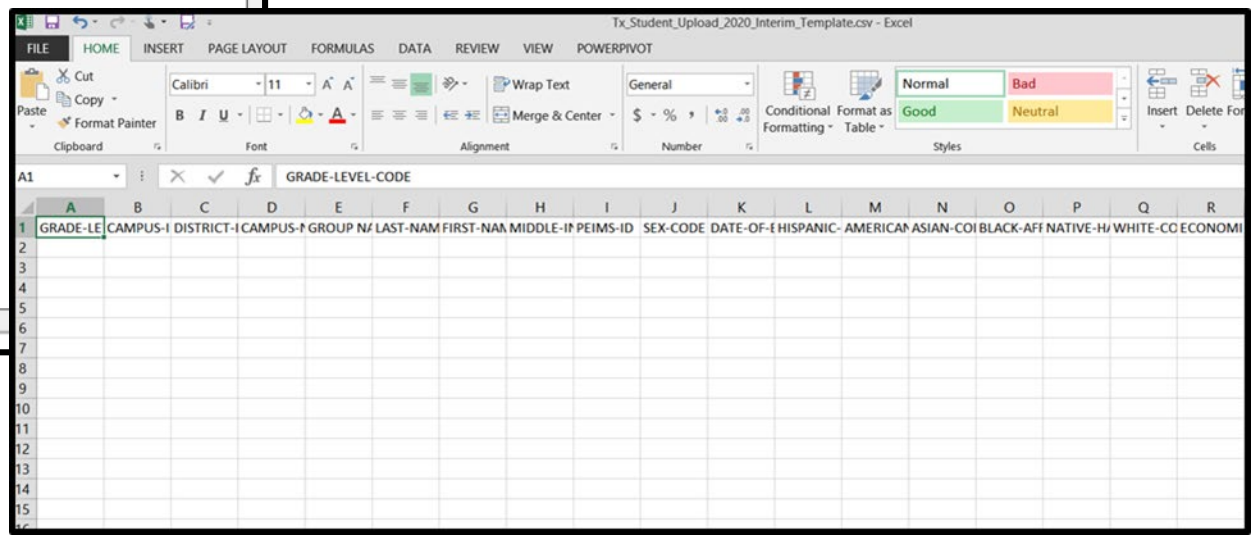


Updated header template

- The STAAR Summative and Interim share the 2019-2020 registration header template and registration document.

Available for download

- *Students > Upload*
- http://texasassessment.gov/uploads/2019-2020-data-file-format-for-student-registration.pdf



Interim Assessment Registration

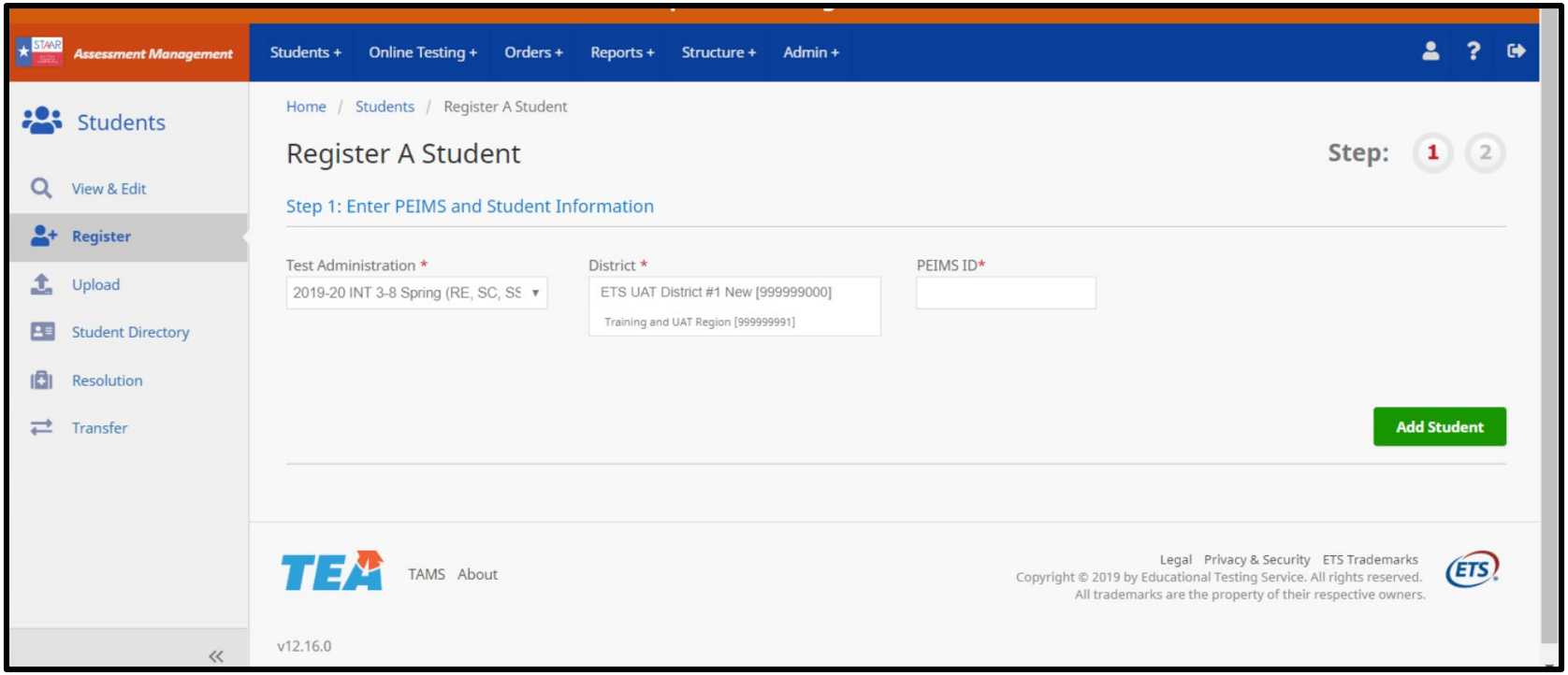
- Students must be registered separately for Opportunity 1 and Opportunity 2 using one of the methods below.
- Two methods for registering students
  - *Students > Register*
  - *Students > Upload*

Interim Assessment Registration

Changes for 2019–2020

- Test Assessment Type Field (column BA)
  - Accepted values: “I” and “blank”
  - Enter I for interim registrations
  - Must leave blank for summative administrations
- PNPs expanded to include Spanish titles

Interim Assessment Registration: User Interface (UI)



Interim Assessment Registration: *Students > Upload*

- The following fields are required on the Interim Grades 3–8 student data file:
  - Grade
  - Campus-ID-of-Enrollment (County/District/Campus Number)
  - District-Name
  - Campus-Name
  - Student Name fields (Last-Name, First-Name) **NOTE:** Middle initial not required
  - PEIMS-ID
  - Date-of-Birth

Interim Assessment Registration: *Students > Upload*

- The following fields are required on the Interim End-of-Course student data file:
  - Grade
  - Campus-ID of-Enrollment (County/District/Campus Number)
  - District-Name
  - Campus-Name
  - Student Name fields (Last-Name, First-Name) **NOTE:** Middle initial not required
  - PEIMS-ID
  - Date-of-Birth
  - End-of-Course Code (Course Code)
  - Test Format (online testing mode, for students with PNP accommodations, enter O in the Test Format field.)
  - Sex-Code

Registration Errors and Conflicts: Students > Upload

Download Spreadsheet Template – blank CSV file that can be used to enter student records for upload

Filename – click on file name to download/retrieve file that was uploaded

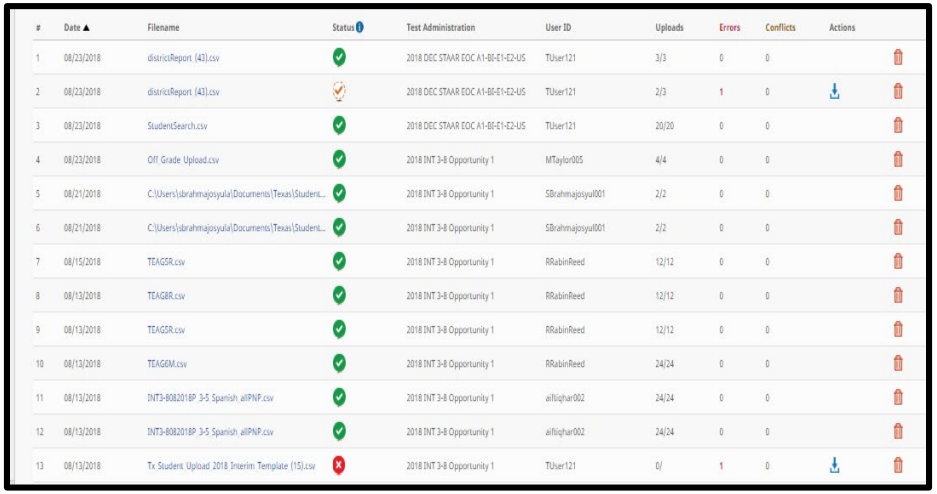
Status –

All records successfully uploaded

Some but not all records successfully uploaded

No records successfully uploaded

Uploads – indicates the fraction of records that successfully uploaded



#	Date ▲	Filename	Status	Test Administration	User ID	Uploads	Errors	Conflicts	Actions
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2	08/23/2018	districtReport (43).csv	✓	2018 DEC STAAR EOC A1-B6-E1-E2-US	TUser121	2/3	1	0	⬇
3	08/23/2018	StudentSearch.csv	✓	2018 DEC STAAR EOC A1-B6-E1-E2-US	TUser121	20/20	0	0	
4	08/23/2018	Off Grade Upload.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	MTaylor005	4/4	0	0	
5	08/21/2018	C:\Users\sbrahmajosyula\Documents\Texas\Student...	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	SBrahmajosyul001	2/2	0	0	
6	08/21/2018	C:\Users\sbrahmajosyula\Documents\Texas\Student...	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	SBrahmajosyul001	2/2	0	0	
7	08/15/2018	TEAGSR.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	RRabinReed	12/12	0	0	
8	08/13/2018	TEAGBR.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	RRabinReed	12/12	0	0	
9	08/13/2018	TEAGSR.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	RRabinReed	12/12	0	0	
10	08/13/2018	TEAGEM.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	RRabinReed	24/24	0	0	
11	08/13/2018	INT3-B082018P_3-5_Spanish_allPNP.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	aiftiqhar002	24/24	0	0	
12	08/13/2018	INT3-B082018P_3-5_Spanish_allPNP.csv	✓	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	aiftiqhar002	24/24	0	0	
13	08/13/2018	Tx_Student_Upload_2018_Interim_Template (15).csv	✗	2018 INT 3-8 Opportunity 1	TUser121	0/	1	0	⬇

Registration Errors and Conflicts: Students > Upload

Errors – indicates the number of errors in the file upload

Conflicts – indicates the number of conflicts in the file upload

Actions:

Download Errors – downloads an error report detailing the row number(s) in the upload file containing errors and the cell that contained the error

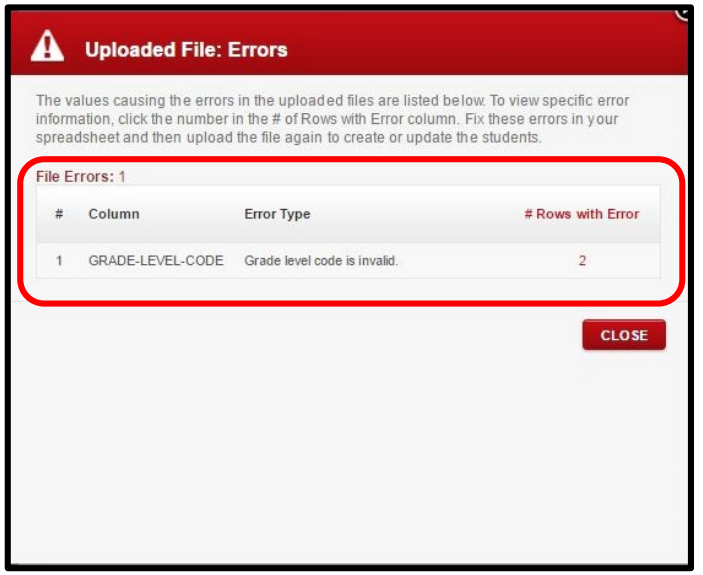
Delete File – deletes upload file record from list – this action will not affect any records that were successfully uploaded.

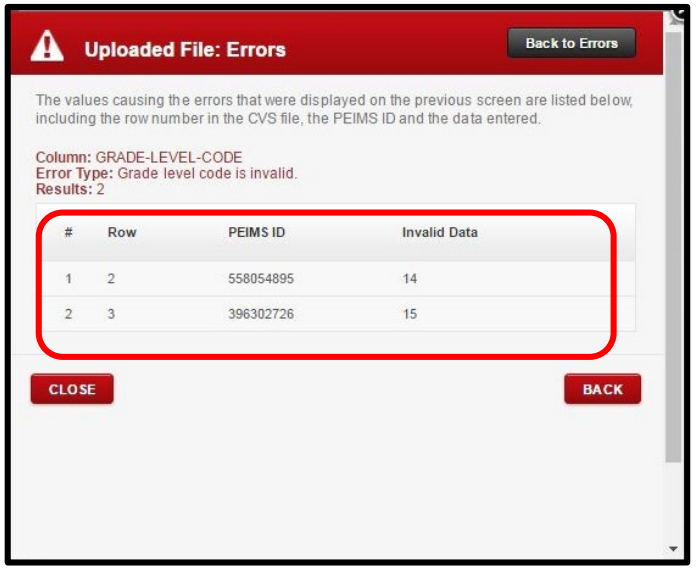
- Not recommended – removal of the upload file entry may prohibit investigation of errors and warnings.

Registration Errors and Conflicts

Errors occur when data entered does not conform to data file specifications.

- *Uploaded File: Errors*
  - Indicates the column(s) containing errors
  - Indicates the error type
  - Indicates the number of rows (records) with an error
- Further drilldown reveals:
  - Row # with error
  - Associated PEIMS ID
  - Invalid data entry





Registration Errors and Conflicts

Conflicts occur when there is a mismatch between uploaded student data and Student Directory information.

- *Uploaded File: Conflicts*
  - Indicates the column(s) containing a conflict
  - Indicates the conflict type
  - Indicates the number of rows (records) containing a conflict
- Further drilldown reveals:
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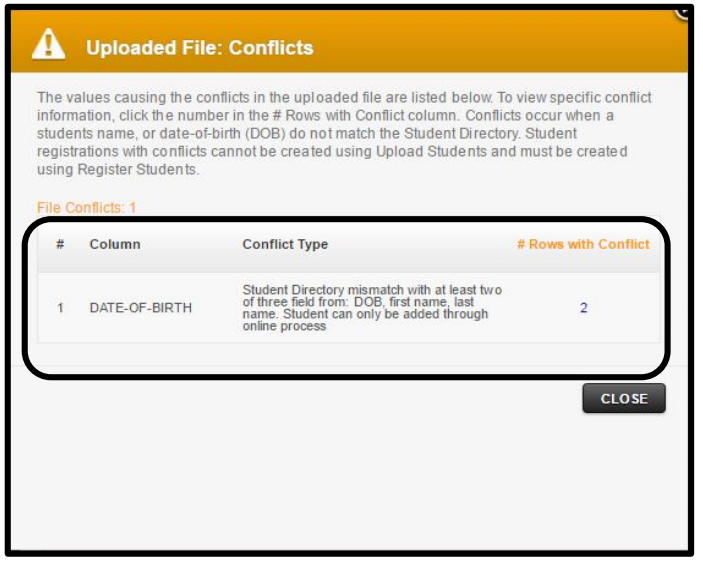

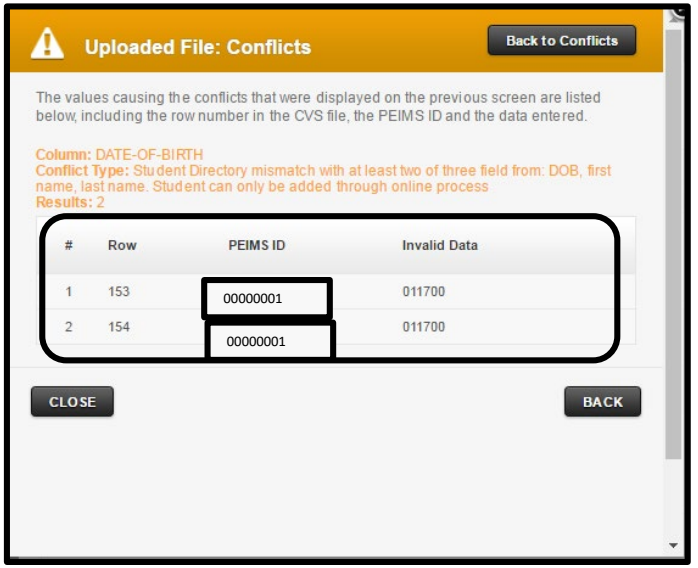

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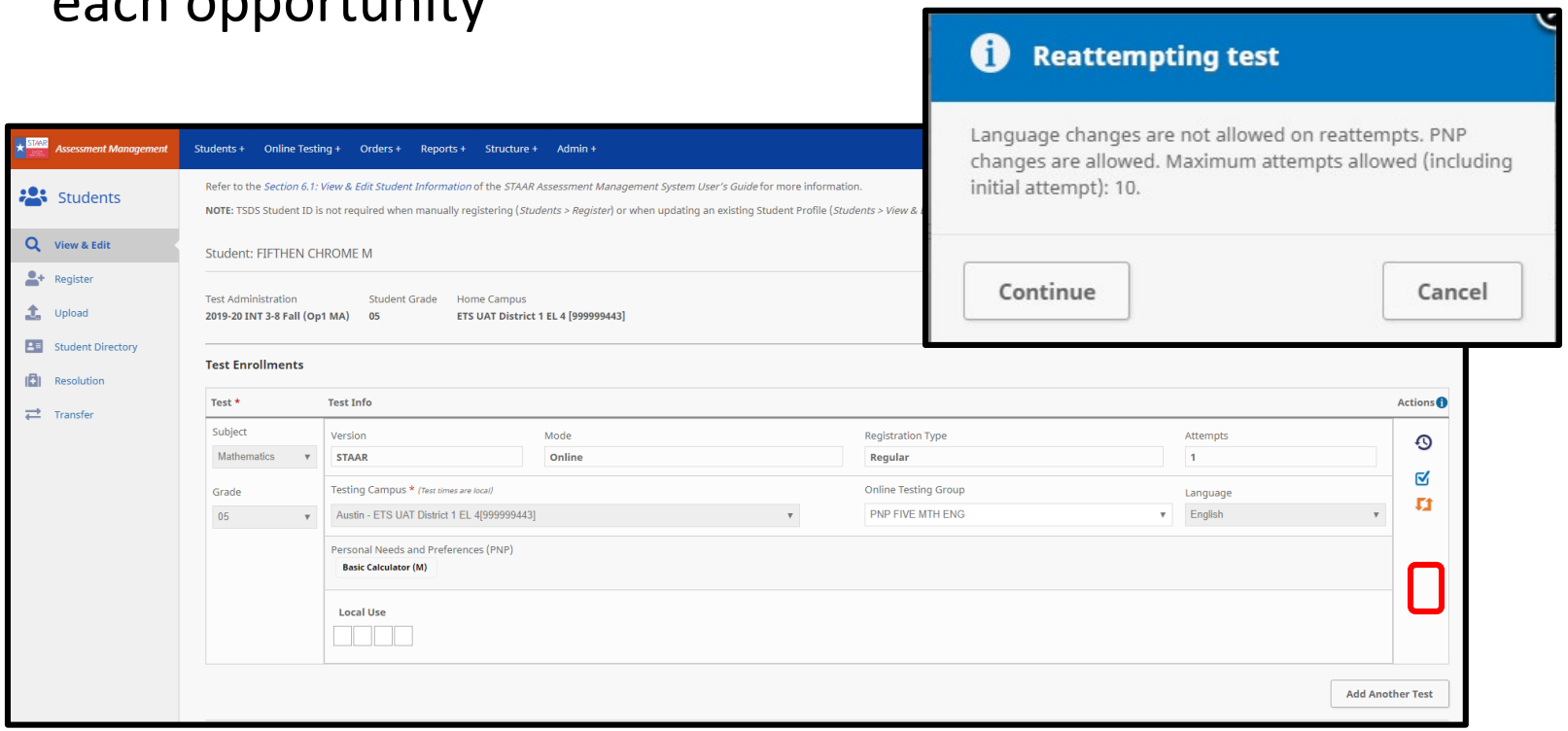
- Ten attempts (reattempts per student) available within each opportunity



Interim Registration Demo

Training

Training

- Interim Assessment Overview and Interim Assessments Updates Webinar posted below: https://texasassessment.gov/administrators/training/
- The session covered:
  - Interim Assessments Overview
  - Changes for 2019–2020
  - Preparing for Interim Testing
  - Test Administration
  - Interim Assessments Best Practices
  - Resources and Training

Training

Upcoming Webinar Trainings

- **A Deep Dive into the Online Reporting Suite (ORS)**
  - Tuesday, August 27, 2019
  - 1:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m. (CT)
  - Click here to register.

- Summative and Interim webinar registration links posted to https://texasassessment.gov/administrators/training

Questions

Customer Support

- Texas Assessment Support Center
- Monday–Friday
- 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. (CT)
- 855-333-7770
- STAAREOC@ets.org or STAAR3-8@ets.org
- Click the chat link in the *Help Documentation* tab in the Assessment Management System.